

**§ 508. Assistance for certain youth and charitable organizations**

(a) **AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES.**—Members and units of the National Guard may provide the services described in subsection (b) to an eligible organization in conjunction with training required under this chapter in any case in which—

(1) the provision of such services does not adversely affect the quality of that training or otherwise interfere with the ability of a member or unit of the National Guard to perform the military functions of the member or unit;

(2) the services to be provided are not commercially available, or any commercial entity that would otherwise provide such services has approved, in writing, the provision of such services by the National Guard;

(3) National Guard personnel will enhance their military skills as a result of providing such services; and

(4) the provision of the services will not result in a significant increase in the cost of the training.

(b) **AUTHORIZED SERVICES.**—The services authorized to be provided under subsection (a) are as follows:

- (1) Ground transportation.
- (2) Air transportation in support of Special Olympics.
- (3) Administrative support services.
- (4) Technical training services.
- (5) Emergency medical assistance and services.
- (6) Communications services.

(c) **OTHER AUTHORIZED ASSISTANCE.**—Facilities and equipment of the National Guard, including military property of the United States issued to the National Guard and General Services Administration vehicles leased to the National Guard, and General Services Administration vehicles leased to the Department of Defense, may be used in connection with providing services to any eligible organization under this section.

(d) **ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS.**—The organizations eligible to receive services under this section are as follows:

- (1) The Boy Scouts of America.
- (2) The Girl Scouts of America.
- (3) The Boys Clubs of America.
- (4) The Girls Clubs of America.
- (5) The Young Men's Christian Association.
- (6) The Young Women's Christian Association.
- (7) The Civil Air Patrol.
- (8) The United States Olympic Committee.
- (9) The Special Olympics.
- (10) The Campfire Boys.
- (11) The Campfire Girls.
- (12) The 4-H Club.
- (13) The Police Athletic League.
- (14) Any other youth or charitable organization designated by the Secretary of Defense.

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**SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in section 112 of this title; title 10 section 2012.

**§ 509. National Guard Challenge Program of opportunities for civilian youth**

(a) **PROGRAM AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE.**—The Secretary of Defense, acting through the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, may conduct a National Guard civilian youth opportunities program (to be known as the "National Guard Challenge Program") to use the National Guard to provide military-based training, including supervised work experience in community service and conservation projects, to civilian youth who cease to attend secondary school before graduating so as to improve the life skills and employment potential of such youth.

(b) **CONDUCT OF THE PROGRAM.**—The Secretary of Defense shall provide for the conduct of the National Guard Challenge Program in such States as the Secretary considers to be appropriate, except that Federal expenditures under the program may not exceed \$50,000,000 for any fiscal year.

(c) **PROGRAM AGREEMENTS.**—(1) To carry out the National Guard Challenge Program in a State, the Secretary of Defense shall enter into an agreement with the Governor of the State or, in the case of the District of Columbia, with the commanding general of the District of Columbia National Guard, under which the Governor or the commanding general will establish, organize, and administer the National Guard Challenge Program in the State.

(2) The agreement may provide for the Secretary to provide funds to the State for civilian personnel costs attributable to the use of civilian employees of the National Guard in the conduct of the National Guard Challenge Program.

(d) **MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED.**—The amount of assistance provided under this section to a State program of the National Guard Challenge Program may not exceed—

(1) for fiscal year 1998, 75 percent of the costs of operating the State program during that year;

(2) for fiscal year 1999, 70 percent of the costs of operating the State program during that year;

(3) for fiscal year 2000, 65 percent of the costs of operating the State program during that year; and

(4) for fiscal year 2001 and each subsequent fiscal year, 60 percent of the costs of operating the State program during that year.

(e) **PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAM.**—A school dropout from secondary school shall be eligible to participate in the National Guard Challenge Program. The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe the standards and procedures for selecting participants from among school dropouts.

(f) **AUTHORIZED BENEFITS FOR PARTICIPANTS.**—(1) To the extent provided in an agreement entered into in accordance with subsection (c) and subject to the approval of the Secretary of Defense, a person selected for training in the National Guard Challenge Program may receive the following benefits in connection with that training:

(A) Allowances for travel expenses, personal expenses, and other expenses.

(B) Quarters.